

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for automatically inputting grades into an electronic gradebook, comprising:

(a) a variably positionable grading label comprising a variably positionable data field containing data, wherein said data includes grade information and student identification information, wherein said variably positionable grading label comprises:

(i) an identification number input area, wherein said identification number input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia and

(ii) a grade input area, wherein said grade input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia and

(b) means for locating said variably positionable grading label, imaging said data field, and transferring data from said data field to an electronic gradebook.

2. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said variably positionable data field comprises a variably positionable data rectangle.

3. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said variably positionable data field resides on a document.

4. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said means comprises:

(a) a digital camera;

(b) a microprocessor connected to said digital camera; and

(c) programming associated with said microprocessor for carrying out the operations of:

(i) finding said variably positionable data field;

(ii) obtaining an image of said variably positionable data field_i;

(iii) processing said data_i and

iiiiv) transferring said processed data to said electronic gradebook.

5. (currently amended) A system for automatically grading and inputting grades into an electronic gradebook, comprising:

(a) a variably positionable data field containing student identification information and grade information, wherein said grade information is selected from a group consisting of score information and answer information; and

(b) means for finding and imaging said data field and establishing and transferring a grade from said grade information and associated student identification information data from said variably positionable data field to an electronic gradebook.

6. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 5, wherein said variably positionable data field comprises a variably positionable data rectangle.

7. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 5, wherein said variably positionable data field resides on a document.

8. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 5, wherein said means comprises:

- (a) a digital camera;
- (b) a microprocessor connected to said digital camera; and
- (c) programming associated with said microprocessor for carrying out the operations of:
 - (i) finding said variably positionable data field;
 - (ii) obtaining an image of said data field;
 - (iii) processing said data to establish said grade and associated student identification information data; and
 - (~~iiiv~~) and transferring said processed data to said electronic gradebook.

9. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 5, wherein said variably positionable data field comprises a variably positionable grading label.

10. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 5, wherein said variably positionable grading label comprises:

(a) an identification number input area, wherein said identification number input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia; and

(b) a grade information input area, wherein said grade information input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia.

11. (original) A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the identification number input area comprises said set of input bubbles, wherein said set of input bubbles comprises:

- (a) a first row of numbered input bubbles;
- (b) a second row of numbered input bubbles; and
- (c) a third row of numbered input bubbles.

12. (original) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein each row of numbered input bubbles comprises ten input bubbles, the input bubbles being individually and non-repeatingly numbered from zero to nine.

13. (original) A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the identification number input area comprises said set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia, wherein said set of boxed regions comprises one or more boxed regions.

14. (original) A system as recited in claim 10, wherein said grade information input area comprises a series of lettered input bubbles.

15. (original) A system as recited in claim 14, wherein said series of lettered input bubbles contain score information.

16. (original) A system as recited in claim 14, wherein said series of lettered input bubbles contain answer information.

17. (original) A system as recited in claim 10, wherein said grade information input area comprises a series of boxed regions for hand-written indicia.

18. (original) A system as recited in claim 17, wherein said series of boxed regions contain score information.

19. (original) A system as recited in claim 17, wherein said series of lettered input bubbles contain answer information.

20. (currently amended) An apparatus for automatically grading and inputting grades into an electronic gradebook, comprising:

(a) a digital camera;

(b) a microprocessor connected to said digital camera; and

(c) programming associated with said microprocessor for carrying out the operations of:

- (i) finding a variably positionable data field;
- (ii) obtaining an image of a said variably positionable data field;
- (iii) processing data in said variably positionable data field; and
- (iii~~v~~) transferring said processed data to said electronic gradebook.

21. (currently amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein said variably positionable data field comprises a variably positionable data rectangle.

22. (currently amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein said variably positionable data field resides on a document.

23. (currently amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the data from said variably positionable data field includes grade information and student identification information.

24. (currently amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein said variably positionable data field comprises a variably positionable grading label.

25. (currently amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 24, wherein said variably positionable grading label comprises:

(a) an identification number input area, wherein said identification number input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia; and

(b) a grade information input area, wherein said grade information input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia.

26. (original) An apparatus as recited in claim 25, wherein the identification number input area comprises said set of input bubbles, wherein said set of input bubbles comprises:

(a) a first row of numbered input bubbles;

(b) a second row of numbered input bubbles; and

(c) a third row of numbered input bubbles.

27. (original) A system as recited in claim 26. wherein each row of numbered input bubbles comprises ten input bubbles, the input bubbles being individually and non-repeatingly numbered from zero to nine.

28. (original) A system as recited in claim 25, wherein the identification number input area comprises said set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia, wherein said set of boxed regions comprises one or more boxed regions.

29. (original) A system as recited in claim 25, wherein said grade information input area comprises a series of lettered input bubbles.

30. (original) A system as recited in claim 29, wherein said series of lettered input bubbles contain score information.

31. (original) A system as recited in claim 29, wherein said series of lettered input bubbles contain answer information.

32. (original) A system as recited in claim 25, wherein said grade information input area comprises a series of boxed regions for hand-written indicia.

33. (original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein said series of boxed regions contain score information.

34. (original) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein said series of boxed regions contain answer information.

35. (currently amended) A method for automatically grading and inputting data from a variably positionable data rectangle to an electronic gradebook, comprising:

(a) reading an image of a document having a variably positionable data rectangle;

(b) finding ~~the~~ said variably positionable data rectangle; and

c) inputting identification information and grade information from ~~the~~ said variably positionable data rectangle to the electronic gradebook.

36. (original) A method as recited in claim 35, further comprising calculating a grade from said grade information and inputting said grade to the electronic gradebook.

37. (currently amended) A variably positionable grading label, comprising:

(a) an identification number input area, wherein said identification number input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia; and

(b) a grade information input area, wherein said grade information input area is selected from a group consisting of a set of input bubbles and a set of boxed regions for hand-written indicia.